

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Frank J. Anderson upon his outstanding career as a dedicated public servant and devoted peace officer.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing and congratulating Frank J. Anderson upon his outstanding career as a dedicated public servant and devoted peace officer.

Whereas, Frank J. Anderson served his country for more than 23 years in the U.S. Marshals Service, one of the oldest and most prestigious law enforcement agencies in the nation;

Whereas, Anderson served as U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana, the chief federal police official for more than half of Indiana, first from 1977 to 1981, and again from 1994 to 2001. As U.S. Marshal, he oversaw federal law enforcement for 62 Indiana counties, with offices in Indianapolis, Evansville, Terre Haute, and New Albany;

Whereas, In 2001, Anderson received the Martin J. Burke Award, given to the most outstanding Marshal in the entire nation;

Whereas, Before his appointment as U.S. Marshal, Anderson served 12 years in the Marshal's Service, first as Deputy Marshal, and later as an Inspector and Security



specialist;

Whereas, Anderson was instrumental in founding and later directing the U.S. Federal Witness Protection Program. He also worked organized crime cases, numerous undercover assignments, and various other sensitive details;

Whereas, From 1983 to 1994, Anderson was District Director of the Federal Protective Service for the U.S. General Service Administration, and was in charge of security at federally owned and leased facilities in Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois;

Whereas, In addition to his federal service, Anderson has vast experience on the local level. From 1961 to 1965, he served as a Marion County Sheriff's Deputy;

Whereas, In 2002, Anderson won the election as the Marion County Sheriff. He immediately undertook major reforms to help the Marion County Sheriff's Department become one of the most outstanding Sheriff's Departments in the country. In 2006, Sheriff Anderson was re-elected. The hallmark of his political campaigns has been civility and a firm rejection of negative politics;

Whereas, Anderson grew up in Indianapolis and graduated from Shortridge High School, where he was an avid student-athlete. In fact, Anderson's outstanding career in high school wrestling earned him induction into the Indiana Wrestling Hall of Fame;

Whereas, After high school, Anderson joined the U.S. Navy, where he began his law enforcement career as a Shore Patrol Officer;

Whereas, Anderson has been married for 40 years to Mary Mercedes Anderson, has two adult children, and three



grandchildren; and

Whereas, From the Navy's Shore Patrol to the Marion County Sheriff's Department, Frank J. Anderson has spent an entire lifetime as a devoted peace officer protecting his fellow citizens, enforcing our laws, and keeping our families and neighborhoods safe: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate recognizes and congratulates
2 Frank J. Anderson upon his outstanding career as a dedicated public
3 servant and devoted peace officer.

4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Frank J. Anderson and his lovely
6 wife, Mary Mercedes.

